

State of the Schools Report 2008-09

Special Education

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The Special Education data is now available for preview on the State of the Schools Report: 2008-09 (in the Portal under the Data Collections tab).

Changes to the State of the Schools Report for 2008-09

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The State of the Schools Report for the 2008-09 school year will open to the public on October 5, 2009. The following changes will be available on the State of the Schools Preview: 2008-09 by September 24th. These changes are being made to satisfy the findings of the on-site monitoring visit from the U. S. Department of Education to bring the State's report card in line with NCLB requirements. New displays on AYP pages at the State, school and district level:

- The percent of students not tested for migrant and gender
- The District and School Level AYP Status
- The AYP Graduation Rate, used in determining AYP, comparing school, district and state data.
- Schools (grade spans) with fewer than 10 students have received a "Not Enough Information" instead of an AYP decision. Starting with 2008-09, schools and grade spans with fewer than 10 students are being assigned the AYP decision of the district. There will be a link under each instance where this new rule is being applied with an explanation.

New displays for STARS assessment results:

- The number and percentage of students, including alternate assessed students, is displayed for grades 4, 8 and 11. This data had already been displayed for grades 3, 5, 6 and 7. Alternate assessed students are included in these charts for all grade levels.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Stabilization Funds Applications

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Stabilization Funds applications must be submitted by October 1, 2009. The application consists of the online application in the grants management system (in the Portal under the GMS tab) and the printed assurances from that application that have been signed by the President of the School Board and the Superintendent. The signed assurances are to be submitted to Commissioner Breed at NDE.

ARRA School Lunch Equipment Assistance Grants

These funds must be obligated prior to September 30, 2009 and are limited to the actual cost of the specified equipment, not to exceed the grant award. The request for reimbursement must be received no later than November 15, 2009.

1. [Report of Expenditures and Estimated Requirement of Grant NDE 28-003](#)
2. Copies of invoices
3. A detailed printout of the expenditures from your accounting system must be coded to Account 4840 – ARRA Equipment Grant

The *Report of Expenditures* form is available on NDE's web site at:

<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ADSS/NDE28003.pdf>

To complete the form, fill in the general information requested at the top. (Click on *Instructions* in the top, right-hand corner of the form if you have questions.) Fill in *Part 1 – line B only*. The form must be completed online then print for the signature of the district's Authorized Representative. One report must be submitted for each grant award. The report and supporting documentation can be mailed, faxed or emailed with signatures to:

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